

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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# The Safety Express Newsletter

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SEVERE WEATHER

- ♦Know what to do before, during, and after severe weather.
- OCreate a communications plan with your family before severe weather hits.
- ♦ Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- ♦Listen to local officials.
- ♦ Check your insurance policies to ensure you have enough coverage.

# REPEL = INSPECT = REMOVE = WATCH



#### Blacklegged tick

Spreads Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Powassan virus & Borrelia miyamotoi disease





- · Over 99% of tickborne diseases reported in Vermont are caused by this tick
- Images shown larger than actual size ticks can be as small as a poppy seed

#### Other ticks found in Vermont







Woodchuck tick



For more information on ticks: healthvermont.gov

#### **OUTSIDE SAFETY TIPS:**

- ✓ Wear appropriate clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat
- ✓ Take frequent water breaks
- √ Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15
- ✓ Never leave kids or pets unattended in a vehicle

### WILDFIRE

## **SAFETY**

- \* Report a wildfire if you see one; you may be the first to see it.
- \* Wildfires can kill. If ordered to evacuate, know the route and plan where to go.

Roughly 40% of unwanted heat buildup in our homes is through windows. Use awnings or curtains to keep the heat out!

# TOO HOT TO PLAY **OUTSIDE?**

www.ready.gov/kids offers plenty of games and activities that will help children learn and prepare for emergencies as they play!

# ADDITIONAL

#### **RESOURCES:**

- www.healthvermont.gov
  - www.ready.gov
  - www.redcross.org/

Interested in having an Emergency Preparedness Presentation given at your facility?

Call Becky at (802) 777-7851 to set up a